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SUBJECT: SEC VISIT

REF: JERUSALEM 0054

1. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY VERSION OF SCENARIO FOR SEC VISIT TO JORDAN (AQABA ONLY) AS DISCUSSED WITH ROYAL PALACE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HIKMET, BASED ON TENTATIVE PLAN MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. PM RIFAI WILL MEET SECSTATE AT AQABA AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL AT APPROX 1540 LOCAL JAN 15. THERE WILL BE NATIONAL ANTHEM; HONOR GUARD AND LIMITED RECEPTION LINE, INCLUDING JORDAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF SHARIF ZAYD BIN SHAKER, COMMANDERS 4TH DIVISION AND LOCAL BRIGADE, CHIEFS OF AQABA MUNICIPALITY AND DISTRICT. PARTY, INCLUDING PRESS, WILL DRIVE DIRECTLY TO PALACE. GOJ WILL PROVIDE LIMOSINE FOR SECSTATE AND AUTOMOBILES FOR OTHER MEMBERS OFFICIAL PARTY; BUS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND PRESS. SECSTATE AND OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE HOUSED AT ROYAL PALACE (WHICH IS PROTECTED MILITARY COMPOUND); STAFF, PRESS AND OTHERS HOUSED AT CORAL BEACH HOTEL.

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3. KING HUSSEIN WILL MEET SEC STATE AT PALACE. PRESS WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PHOTO-GRAPHS. PALACE HAD NO FIRM SCHEDULE AS YET BUT SAID EVENING WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS AND DINNER.

4. KING WILL HOST DINNER FOR 12 (FOUR JORDANIANS AND EIGHT AMERICANS), JORDANIANS WILL BE KING, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AND COS GENERAL BIN SHAKER. INASMUCH AS US OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS CHARGE' NUMBERS TEN, PALACE REQUESTS WE TELL THEM WHICH TWO AMERICAN WILL NOT ATTEND DINNER.

PLEASE ADVISE.

5. PALACE HAS NO FIRM PLANS AS YET REGARDING BREAKFAST JAN 16. PARTY WILL LEAVE PALACE FOR TENTATIVE 0800 DEPARTURE UNDER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS AS FOR ARRIVAL, INCLUDING HONOR GUARD AND RECEPTION LINE.

6. AVERAGE JAN TEMPERATURE IN AQABA FIFTY-NINE DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, HUMIDITY 53 PERCENT; DAYS ARE PLEASANTLY WARM, EVENINGS CHILLY.00))7. CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO ROSCOE SUDDARTH (HOME PHONE: 41142 IN AMMAN). PALACE/EMBASSY/ SECRET SERVICE TEAM PROCEEDING AQABA TOMORROW TO PREPARE FOR VISIT. JORDANIAN SECURITY CHIEF IS THERE TODAY.

8. THUS FAR, PALACE HAS KEPT TIGHT SECURITY AROUND FACT OF PLANNED AQABA VISIT, WHICH KNOWN ONLY TO SMALL CIRCLE OFFICIAL JORDANIANS. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING SUIT. GRAHAM

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